

# The Lion's Roar

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## Services

### Sundays

8:00 a.m. Holy Communion (Rite I)  
10:00 a.m. Holy Communion (Rite II)  
and Sunday School with Nursery Care  
**Ash Wednesday** 10:00am & 7:00pm

### Wednesdays

9:00 a.m. Holy Communion (Rite II)  
in the Chapel  
(See enclosed calendar for variations  
to weekly services.)

### Parish Office Hours:

Tuesday through Friday  
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

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Charlotte Wells

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Bill Barkhorn

## From the Desk of the Reverend Joanna D. Graham

*"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Matthew 6:21*

Once again, the season of Lent is upon us. Lent comes from the Anglo-Saxon word *lencton*—the time of year when the days grow long. We begin the day before Lent on the evening of Shrove Tuesday with a wonderful pancake supper prepared and served by the Rite 13 class. The children will learn that on Shrove Tuesday it used to be the custom to use up all milk, eggs, and fat in a household since these were not allowed in the strict fasting of Lent. The ingredients were made into pancakes as a symbol for the discipline of Lent. "Shrove" comes from the verb "to shrive" (to confess and receive absolution) which dates back to the ancient practice and still practiced today in the Episcopal Church of confessing sins and receiving absolution in order to begin and keep a holy Lent.

Other names for this day include, *Mardi Gras* or Fat Tuesday or *Carnival*, meaning "farewell to meat."

The season begins on Ash Wednesday and ends with the Easter Triduum that includes Maundy Thursday through Easter Sunday covering forty days, excluding Sundays. Every Sunday remains feast days during the solemn Lenten season. The Alleluias, joyful canticles, and the *Gloria in excelsis* are omitted from worship and replaced with songs and responses that are more in keeping with Lent's contemplative mood. At our family service on the first Sunday of Lent, the children will assist us in putting away the Alleluias and help us understand

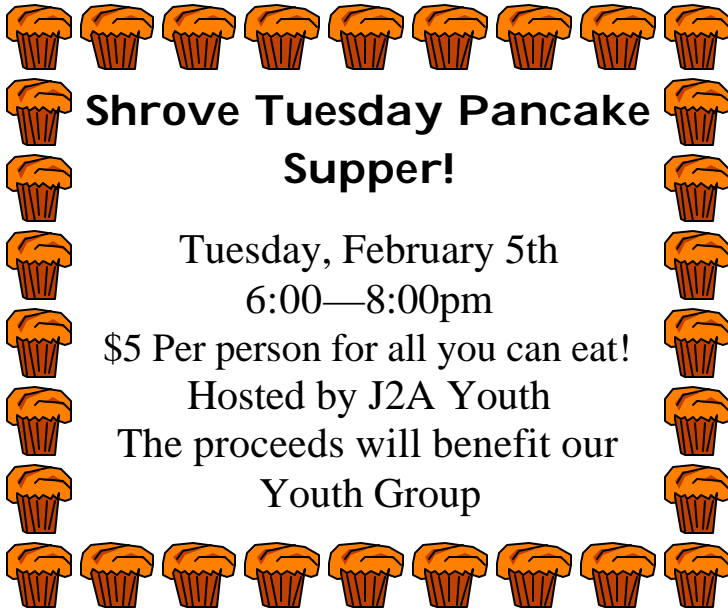
Noah's story and its connection to Lent.

The major theme of the season is the meaning of Baptism. Lent, in the early church, was the time of preparation for the Easter baptism of converts to the faith. Candidates were baptized at the Easter Vigil after being schooled in the stories of the Bible that helped them examine the nature of the life they were about to enter. Through the experience of self-denial, fasting, reconciliation and considering the nature of discipleship the early Christians began to live out Paul's message: "Open wide your hearts." Present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. (Rom. 12:1)

Lent is a time for reflection and meditation. Retreat time is set aside for spiritual growth, learning and teaching, fasting and self-denial. It is a time to return to God with all our Hearts. We are, like the early Christians, to reflex on our relationship with God. Are we in need of re-evaluating our priorities, our pray life, our spiritual growth and our relationship with one another?

The season of Lent has to do with re-focusing our lives with discipline, with growth in grace as we reconcile with God, self and others.

May you have a truly blessed Lent,  
Rev. Joanna+



## Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper!

Tuesday, February 5th  
6:00—8:00pm

\$5 Per person for all you can eat!

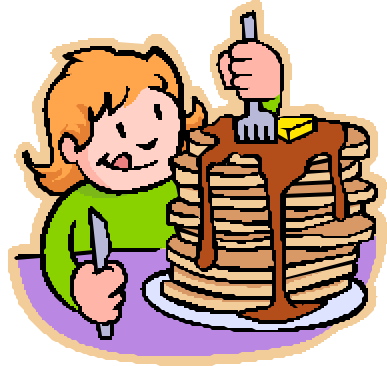
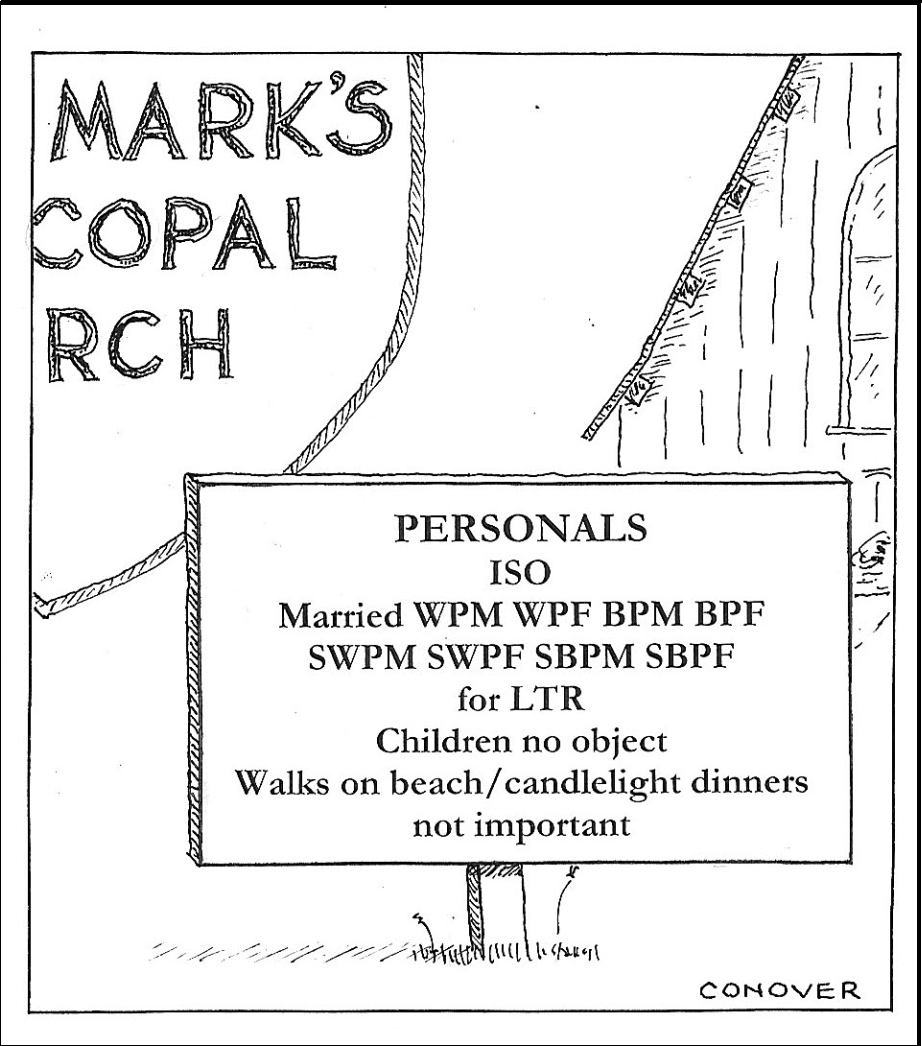
Hosted by J2A Youth  
The proceeds will benefit our  
Youth Group

***From J2A 2 U***

On January 6, an enthusiastic group of 6th and 7th graders got together for the first time as a Rite 13 class in the program Journey to Adulthood. Under the leadership of teachers Dan Greenleaf and Jackie Taylor, the class has begun to brainstorm ideas for fun trips, mission opportunities, and participated in lessons designed to get to know each other. We look forward to sharing scripture passages, exploring prayer, and examining our talents and abilities.

Martha Heiner, J2A Activities Coordinator

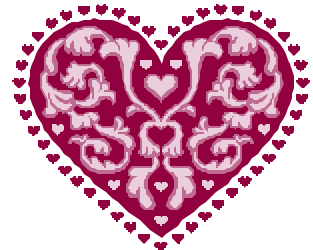
## LAUGHTER IN THE PEWS



**Women's Group!**

The St. Marks Women's Group will be gathering on Wednesday February 13 at the home of Marylea Schmidt. The event will begin at 7 p.m.!

If you are interested in attending please use the sign-up sheet in the Narthex.



### Capital Campaign Update!

Please note that the final sign for the Capital Campaign has been installed and the children's ark in the new lower area is completed. If anyone would like to join the capital campaign, an opportunity to be part of the future, to make an additional pledge, or to participate in the children's plaque, please contact Chuck Knill, 630-9116. We are able to add names to both plaques.

### **"Invite a Friend Sunday"**

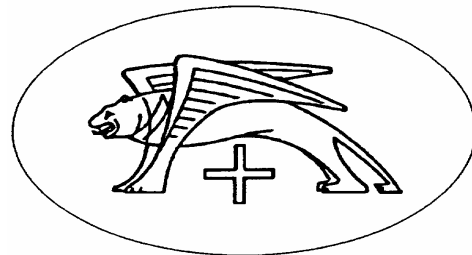
Sunday, March 2 is Invite a Friend Sunday at St. Mark's and it will be a wonderful event. It is a day for you to invite a friend, co-worker, family member, classmate, neighbor, business associate, new acquaintance or anyone else who does not actively participate in another church.

Our worship service on March 2 will be a blend of traditional worship mixed with a variety of music that makes St. Mark's such a wonderful church. Sunday School will be available for all ages as well.

Our goal is to have everyone from St. Mark's attend the 10AM service – really pack the house -- followed by a Mid-Lenten Brunch! You are encouraged to come to the potluck brunch and to participate in the fellowship whether or not you have a guest or food to share. There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex for the Brunch. Also if you can help with this event, please call Jackie Kahle 908-268-0994.

Remember the church needs YOU to help make "Invite a Friend Sunday" a special day. We know that you will want to share the warmth of our Fellowship and the love of God we all share.

In the book of John, we hear Jesus telling his disciples, "You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit – fruit that will last." Christ has chosen us and desires for us to go out and love one another in his name. Please start praying for this important event.



2008 Vestry

#### **Senior Warden**

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Buck Kirch 647-3599

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Tom Defeo 604-2466

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#### **Christian Education/Youth Ministry**

Lorri Layton 696-1748

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#### **Outreach**

Bill Schmidt 604-0535

#### **Finance**

Teri Passarello 696-0375

#### **Stewardship**

Jeff West 953-8115

#### **Worship**

Marilyn Lyga 766-5880

#### **Events**

Lauran Corson 903-0700

#### **Membership**

Jackie Kahle 766-0502

#### **Communications/Office Administration**

Nancy Opremcak 221-9165

#### **Warden Emeritus**

Jim Martucci 604-2256

#### **Treasurer**

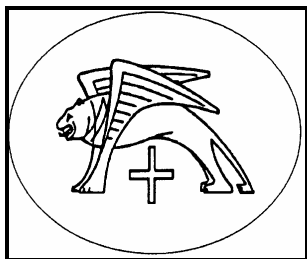
Bill Coffin 766-0158

#### **Recording Treasurers**

Doug Post 766-6621

Margaret Murphy 766-4126

Everyone is invited to participate in the commission meetings. Please contact the vestry representative for more information.



# February 2008

## St. Mark's Episcopal Church

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 <i>Vestry Retreat</i>	2 <i>Vestry Retreat</i>
3 <i>Services @ 8am</i>  <i>Contemporary Service @ 10am</i>	4	5 <i>Holly Manor 10:45</i>	6 <i>Ash Wed. Services @ 10am &amp; 7pm</i>	7	8	9
10 <i>Lent Begins</i>  <i>8am Rite I</i> <i>10am Rite II</i> <i>Family Service</i>	11	12	13 <i>Bible Study—The Book of Ruth</i> <i>Holy Eucharist 6pm</i> <i>Soup &amp; Bread 6:30pm</i> <i>Bible Study 7-8:30</i>	14	15	16
17 <i>8am Rite I</i> <i>10am Rite II</i>  <i>Lenten Series: @ Noon</i>	18	19 <i>Ridge Oak @ 10:30</i>	20 <i>Bible Study—The Book of Ruth</i> <i>Holy Eucharist 6pm</i> <i>Soup &amp; Bread 6:30pm</i> <i>Bible Study 7-8:30</i>	21	22	23 <i>Vestry Day @ Diocese</i>
24 <i>8am Rite I</i> <i>10am Rite II</i> <i>Lenten Series</i> <i>12 Noon</i> <i>Clergy Lenten Retreat</i>	25 <i>Clergy Lenten</i>	26 <i>Clergy Lenten</i>	27 <i>Bible Study—The Book of Ruth</i> <i>Holy Eucharist 6pm</i> <i>Soup &amp; Bread 6:30pm</i> <i>Bible Study 7-8:30</i>	28	29 <i>Diocesan Convention through 3/1</i>	

## February Birthdays



- 2/1 Almon Lee
- 2/3 Nancy Brangaccio  
Carolyn Freeman
- 2/4 Hakan Leblebicioglu  
Tina Walker
- 2/6 Matthew Lefler  
Lisa Cunningham  
Jeff Raunec  
Christina Trombino  
Christopher Walker
- 2/7 Ryan Gogerty  
David Moore  
Michael Thwaite  
Sandy Trombino
- 2/8 Jeff Rosenblum  
Amy Rosenblum
- 2/9 Matthew Burgerhoff
- 2/9 Hannah Greenleaf  
Trina Fagan
- 2/10 Nick Child  
Dorothy Freeman  
Katie Rose  
Don Wells  
Jacob Sockolof
- 2/11 Kaitlin Solon
- 2/12 Richard Moore
- 2/13 Ron Buesser
- 2/14 Spencer DeFeo  
Rosalie Stern
- 2/15 Mary Chipparullo  
Sophia Sefchick
- 2/16 David Aul
- 2/17 Alice Lapier
- 2/18 Eric Jania  
Gillian Begg  
Jaime Lunny  
Paul Saccone
- 2/19 Lorri Layton
- 2/20 Katie Bartling  
Diane Salvatori  
Theresa Wojnar
- 2/21 Bernie Jewson  
David Holcomb
- 2/23 Sarah Booterbaugh  
Joe Chipparullo
- 2/27 Wendy Booterbaugh  
Sarah Hanglely

## Anniversaries

- 2/10 Charles & Sarah Hanglely
- 2/13 Frank & Doriann Sanchez
- 2/17 Rose Evans
- 2/20 Richard & Kathleen Aregood

## St. Mark's Outreach is Proud to Support Bryan's Dream Foundation!

Bryan's Dream Foundation invites you to attend the

### *2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Night of Hope & Dreams*

Friday, March 7, 2008

7:00 PM – 11 PM

The Sherwood Room at The Forest Lodge  
Warren, NJ

A cocktail soiree' with music, and a silent and live auction. We'd love to have you join us!

For ticket information, or to donate an item for our silent or live auction, please contact Nancy Opremcak at 908-693-0649.

Bryan's Dream Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization established in memory of our young parishioner, Bryan Opremcak, who passed away in 2006 from a brain tumor. Bryan's Dream is dedicated to providing support to children with brain tumors and their families, and to providing funding for research.

[www.bryansdream.org](http://www.bryansdream.org)



### Finance Report as of 12-31-07

	2007			2008
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Pledges	\$235,000	201,965	-33,035	212,000
Other Donations	128,600	131,303	2,703	150,500
Total Receipts	363,600	333,268	-30,332	362,500
Total Expenses	384,375	351,203	-33,542	362,500
Net	<b>\$ -21,145</b>	<b>\$ -17,935</b>	<b>\$ 3,210</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>

We are above 2007 budget target deficit due to our pledge shortfall that was offset by lower personnel expenses. Although our donations continue at a strong level, annual pledges are critical to the long term financial health of St. Mark's as well as continuing strong diocesan, outreach, and rector search support.

In 2008 we will begin paying on our \$610,000 mortgage that increases our expenses by \$47,157 annually. Our personnel and insurance expenses were carefully reviewed in 2007 and will be reduced by (-\$65,515) and (-\$8,000) respectively in 2008 to accommodate our new mortgage expense while still meeting our parish needs. Please review your 2007 pledge status when your annual statement arrives through the mail and consider further increasing your financial pledge and/or donation commitment to St. Mark's in 2008.

In 2007 our major focus in the second half of the year was completion of the 2005 audit that was fully completed with a satisfactory opinion. The 2006 audit should be completed in February 2008. In addition, intensive revised budgeting and forecasting for both 2007 and 2008 were required to support St. Mark's financial needs and mission.

## A Lenten Series

### *A Study of The Book of Ruth*

*The Reverend Dr. Henrietta Lavengood, Presenter*

This series will run for five Wednesdays during Lent

February 13<sup>th</sup> - March 12<sup>th</sup>

6:00 – 6:30pm Holy Eucharist, The Rev. Joanna Graham  
6:30 – 7:00pm Soup & Bread  
7:00 – 8:30pm Bible Study

Please notify the church office to reserve your place

The Rev. Dr. Lavengood is a graduate of Union Seminary, NY, has a doctorate in counseling and pastoral care from New York Theological Seminary; and has completed a three year residency in psychoanalytic psychotherapy, group therapy and marriage and family therapy from Blanton-Peale Graduate Institute in NYC. Henrietta is an Episcopal priest and the vicar of a small mission church in southern New Jersey.

## ***IT'S TIME TO GET TO KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORS... YOUR RELIGIOUS NEIGHBORS THAT IS!***

We are kicking off our Adult Education Program at St. Mark's with a four week series on religion. Our wonderful guest speakers include:

*Rev. Joanna Graham*, a graduate of General Theological Seminary, Joanna is the Interim Rector of St. Mark's Church, Basking Ridge. The Rev. Joanna has been in hospital ministry for 15 years both as a chaplain and director of pastoral care. She is the Pastoral Educator in the School for Deacons, a member of the Anglican Women's Empowerment and a delegate to the U.N. Commission on the status of women. She has served in the Diocese of Jerusalem and the Middle East and works with the Episcopal Palestinian women of Syria, Jerusalem, Jordan, the West Bank and Lebanon.

*Levent Koc* of the Interfaith Dialog Center in Newark, a non-profit organization that endeavors to promote respect and mutual understanding among all faiths and cultures through partnership with other religious and interreligious organizations

*Dr. Marehalli G. (MG) Prasad*, author of four books on Hinduism and organizer and instructor of youth camps at Hindu Temples in Bridgewater, Houston, Albany and Pittsburgh

**Sunday, Feb 17 from Noon—1:30pm** - *Rabbi John S. Schechter*, of Congregation B'NAI ISRAEL in Basking Ridge. Lenten Interfaith Education Series featuring light lunch. He will speak about Judaism and answer questions.

We will meet from Noon until 2pm on February 17th, 24th, March 2nd and 9th. Our guests will share some of their experiences as well as information about their religion and there will be a question and answer period. Be on the lookout for additional information concerning who will be speaking on which dates.

On February 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and March 9<sup>th</sup> we will have soup and bread. If you are interested in helping provide food, or if you have questions please contact Paula Roper at [stamphappy@comcast.net](mailto:stamphappy@comcast.net) or (908) 508-1864.

**St. Mark's Episcopal Church**  
Annual Report for **Outreach** for 2007  
Submitted by Bill Schmidt (908.580.1259)

**Programs**

2007 was a year of rejuvenation for St. Mark's Outreach programs. During the year, 14 programs of a continuous nature were active and led by parishioners including:

Crop Walk	Blood Drive
Curbing Hunger, Inc.	Bryan's Dream
Somerville Food Pantry	Morristown Soup Kitchen
Turkey Drive	Habitat for Humanity
Adopt-A-Family	Clothes for Children, Christmas
Interfaith Hospitality Network	Dress For Success
Seamen's Institute	Unicef Project

These programs were primarily a stewardship of time and talent and in some cases also generated substantial dollars or equivalent such as Curbing Hunger and Bryan's Dream. In addition, St. Mark's led a national program for the reconstruction of St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Gulfport, LA, the "**Gulfport**" project. Some programs included a high level of community involvement, Curbing Hunger and Habitat for Humanity in particular. While most of the effort was in parishioner's time and talent, over \$100,000 of cash or food was raised and distributed to these worthy causes. This is in addition to church budgeted contributions items below.

**Church Budget Items**

The adjusted budget for 2007 was \$8500 of which \$4550 was expended. While this expenditure appears low, it is above the very small expenditure of \$311 in 2006. Contributions for Outreach from the Church Budget for 2007 are below:

Worldwide Relief (UN priority via ERD)	\$1000
Clean Water Fund (UN priority via ERD)	500
St. Bernard's Rebuild Assist	1000
Curbing Hunger, Inc.	1000
Morristown Soup Kitchen (est.)	700
Morristown Hosp. Chaplaincy	200
Somerville Jail Chaplaincy	100
Seamen's Institute	50
Total	\$4550

**Outlook for 2008**

2008 is off to a good start with Morristown Soup Kitchen and Interfaith Hospitality scheduled in January and other programs in progress. Some additions anticipated for the New Year include rejuvenation of Jersey's Battered Women's Project, Ministry of the Episcopal Church of Jerusalem and serving meals at the Morristown Mission.

**RLO's Cabaret 2008: The Music of Rodgers and Hart**

**"With a Song in My Heart"**

.. a cabaret of the songs of Richard Rodgers and Lorentz Hart.

Ridge Light Opera's wildly successful Cabaret series returns with a celebration of Rodgers and Hart! Pianist Lois Buesser and her swingin' band back up a mix of winning performers as they "sell" some of the world's greatest songs.

This show is compiled and "written" by Karen Cantor with stage direction by Bill Corson.

Join us for this professional cast on February 21st, 22nd or 23rd at 8pm or the 23rd at 2pm.

The show is right here at St. Mark's!

On Thursday the 21st the tickets are "two for one". When you purchase one ticket you get the second one free!

**For tickets go on line at [www.ridgelightopera.org](http://www.ridgelightopera.org) or call (973) 895-3574**

This talented cast includes:

*Carmen Artis          Sarah Asplund          Jamie Baer          Matt Burns*  
*Susan Facer          Mandy Feiler          Brian James Grace          John Hammel          Bob Lanza*

**Coffee Hour Schedule**

Please take a moment to look at the schedule to see if you are available to host a coffee hour!

DATE	Name	Name
February 3	Anne Post	Bev Moore
February 10	West Family	Ware Family
February 17		
February 24	The Defeo Family	
March 2	MID-LENT BRUNCH	BRING A FRIEND SUNDAY
March 9	Millan Family	Layton Family
March 16		
March 23	EASTER SUNDAY—NO COFFEE HOUR	
March 30	Michelle Martucci	Tracey & Greg Tuthill
April 6	Anju Ittycheria	West Family
April 13	DeMarco	Spuma
April 20	Dauernheim	
April 27		

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**ST MARK'S SPRING RUMMAGE SALE**  
**APRIL 11<sup>TH</sup> AND 12<sup>TH</sup>, 2008**

**Our Spring Rummage Sale is just around the corner!**  
**The rummage sale will be Friday, April 11<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM**  
**and Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 AM until 1:00 PM.**

We need significant donations of your unwanted items to make this the best sale ever. Also tell your friends of the opportunity to donate their unwanted goods. Please keep in mind we cannot accept the following:

- Mattresses and box springs
- Child car seats, high chairs or playpens *older than five years*
- Books such as almanacs or textbooks or periodicals
- Computer equipment *older than five years*
- Exercise equipment
- Sporting equipment *older than 5 years*
- Shoes
- Incomplete, broken or items not in good condition

Volunteering opportunities:

- Set Up: Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup> after the 10:00 AM Service
- Monday – Thursday: Sorting and pricing of the goods
- Friday: Sale (9:00 AM – 1:00 PM)
- Saturday: Sale (9:00 AM – 1:00 PM) and Clean Up: 1:00 PM
- Bake Sale: Bake goods delivered Thurs PM or Fri AM

Please put these dates on your calendar and consider volunteering for this important fundraiser in any capacity. Look for the sign up sheet in the Narthex. The Rummage Sale presents a wonderful opportunity for good fellowship. We need everyone's help, so come and join the fun!

Thanks.  
Annabelle Wilmer and Harry Woods



February

Date	Layreaders	Crucifer	Greeters	Ushers
<b>02/3/2008</b>				
8:00 a.m. (HC)	L&Ch D. Moore			H. Woods
10:00 a.m. (HC)	L&Ch R. Conover	The Barkhorns	Kit Sacchi McLaughlan	J. Pioppi
	P&Ch B. Barkhorn		Mickey Ahalt	D. Wells
	LR 2 L. Corson			
<b>02/06/2008</b>	<b>Ash Wednesday</b>			
10:00 a.m. (HC)				
7:00 p.m.. (HC)	L&Ch B. Barkhorn			B. Walker
	P&Ch R. Aregood		Jackie Kahle	Diane Rozzelle
	LR2 L. West			
<b>02/10/2008</b>				
8:00 a.m. (HC)	L&Ch B. Barkhorn			P. Chiapetta
10:00 a.m. (HC)	L&Ch ML Schmidt	Brian Knill	Ann Millan	T. Defeo
	P&Ch B. Barkhorn		Barbara Hughes	J. Kahle
	LR 2 S. Pasquale			
<b>02/17/2008</b>				
8:00 a.m. (HC)	L&Ch John Lyga			J. Smythe
10:00 a.m. (HC)	L&Ch T. Roper	The Phillips	Nancy Wojner	J. Nishimura
	P&Ch R. Aregood		JenniferPhillips	B. Walker
	LR 2 N. Opremcak			
<b>02/24/2007</b>				
8:00 a.m. (HC)	L&CH D. Moore			J. Decoste
10:00 a.m. (HC)	L&CH K. Aregood	The Barkhorns	Ann Post	L. Rose
	P&CH J. Wyatt		Annabell Wilmer	J. Pioppi
	LR 2 R. Buesser			